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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT:

Time-In-Grade Requirements for Promotion

REFERENCE: .

Memorandum, dated 18 April 1974, to DCI from Director of Personnel, same subject

- 1. In referent memorandum, the Director of Personnel states that the Intelligence, Management and Services, and Science and Technology Directorates evaluate personnel for promotion without regard for time-in-grade. The Director of Personnel points out that the Operations Directorate shows willingness to treat such requirements liberally by asking components to recommend outstanding individuals for promotion without regard to the time-in-grade factor.
- 2. The Director of Personnel is essentially correct. The Evaluation Boards do establish at each annual session a time-in-grade period for officers to be eligible for promotion consideration. To be sure that all Operations Directorate careerists are reviewed annually for promotion consideration, the components are told in the call letter that truly unusual and exceptional cases may be forwarded without regard to the given time-in-grade requirement. The components in reviewing their officers at the grade level concerned are expected to review the record of every officer to be sure that none is overlooked.
- 3. In addition, the following is quoted from the foreword of the new issuance "Personnel Evaluation System" which will be distributed to every member of this career service: "The Evaluation Boards meet annually to review all officers in each grade from GS-08 through GS-16. Official personnel and home base files are carefully reviewed to determine relative ranking in the highest percentile for promotion, the middle percentile, and the lowest percentile for possible administrative action. Every officer's record will also be reviewed for appropriate recommendations concerning career development, additional training, rotation assignments to broaden and challenge the officer's capabilities and, where considered necessary, counseling."

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4. The time-in-grade requirements for Evaluation Board promotional consideration have been established because of the hundreds of files and records the Boards must review in the ranking process. By having the Directorate components act as career sub-groups in the initial reviews for promotion consideration we are, we believe, making doubly sure that no worthy individual is passed by because of time-in-grade requirements and at the same time permitting the Boards to give full and careful attention to the additional annual reviews concerning career development, training, rotational assignments, and the identification of those careerists with the potential for executive development under the Personnel Development Program.

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